

## THE STATE.

### A LOSS to the State.

Henry H. Brown, senior member of the law firm of Brown & Thomas of Battle Creek died on the 18th inst. at his residence in that city, aged 51 years. His father built the first mill that was erected in Ypsilanti. His mother was a distant cousin of Robert E. Lee. At the age of 14 Mr. Brown entered the naval school in Boston. The next year he went to South America in the ship of war Boston, returning after a two years' cruise. He then spent eighteen months on the western coast of Africa, having for a ship-mate the celebrated Arctic explorer, Kane. During this cruise the ship visited the principal cities in Southern Europe. In 1849 Mr. Brown was attached to the steamer Michigan. He then went to Oregon where he served two terms in the state legislature. At the commencement of the war he was deputy clerk of Harrison county court in Mississippi. As soon as the Union forces obtained possession of New Orleans he went to Cuba. He then came to Battle Creek, where he was soon arrested as a Confederate spy, but after examination was honorably discharged. He studied law in the office of L. D. Dibble and became his partner. He has twice been a member of the Michigan bar and has been the author of a number of important positions. He was an energetic business man and prominent in all public enterprises. He was the author of a system of condensed printing called "Alphabetical or Stone Typograph," together with the elements of "Alphabetical or Syllabic shorthand." He was a mason and an old fellow. He has been active in advancing the growth and welfare of the city. In 1861 he married Isabella A. Rockwell of Battle Creek, who survives him.

### Of Interest to Sheep Raisers.

The following statement, showing the number of sheep and pounds of wool sheared in the state in 1886, and the number of sheep now on hand, is made up from statistics as returned this spring by the supervisors of 1006 townships, and carefully prepared estimates for the remaining townships in the state. Of the townships from which supervisors' reports have been received only seventeen are in the southern four tiers of counties and twenty in the central counties. The number of sheep sheared in the state in 1886 was 2,123,984, and the number of pounds of wool 12,386,894, an average per head of 5.81 pounds. The number of sheep on hand this spring is 2,094,749; at the same average per head as in 1886 the wool clip of the present year will amount to 11,647,670 pounds. The number of sheep sheared in the southern counties in 1886 was 1,375,182 and pounds of wool 11,355,591, an average per head of 5.82 pounds; the number of sheep sheared in the central counties 15,148, pounds of wool 888,551, an average per head of 5.81 pounds; number of sheep sheared in the northern counties 17,719, pounds of wool 1,044,747, average per head 5.89 pounds. Each report since 1884, compared with the preceding report, shows a decrease in the number of sheep in the state. The loss from 1884 to 1885 was 88,812; from 1885 to 1886 it was 232,086, and the number now on hand is 128,250 less than in 1886.

### CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

Two salt wells are now working in Cassville.  
Muskegon children are wrestling with the measles.  
The Inlay City creamery didn't pay and it has suspended.  
Mrs. Joseph Knaebel of East Saginaw, took "Rough on Rats," and died.  
Prof. Douglass A. Joy, formerly of Marshall, died in Omaha, Neb., recently.  
A Grass Lake man exults over having eaten twenty-three bananas at one sitting.  
It is stated that Judge Follett, the ascending probate judge of Grand Rapids, is in Mexico.  
Several buildings in Selschaw, Huron county, were destroyed by fire the other day, causing a loss of \$10,000.  
Hiram Zalkinske was almost instantly killed by a log rolling on him in a camp near Byers, Mecosta county.  
Charles Anderson, intoxicated, fell under the cars at Negaunee. Both legs were crushed and he died the next morning.  
In one week recently the Muskegon Booming company rafted 233,943 logs, which is the largest week's work on record.  
David Mills, an old and highly respected citizen of Albion, and formerly of Detroit, is dead of paralysis. He was 61 years old.  
Prof. Mark Harrington, the Ann Arbor astronomer, goes to South America for recreation and scientific researches in a few weeks.  
George Horrocks, who savagely assaulted a crippled old man near Milbrook, Mecosta county, has been sentenced to Jackson for 10 years.  
A \$5,000 brick cottage, with foundations of Bay Port Stone, is to be built for the superintendent of the institution for the education of the deaf and dumb at Flint.  
Supt. Thomas of the East Saginaw public schools will not accept the superintendency of the state public school at Coldwater, preferring to remain in Saginaw.  
Stella Riska, a young Polish girl of Detroit, was struck by a Grand Trunk engine a few evenings ago and fatally injured. She had been in this country only a few weeks.  
Geo. B. Rodney, a Michigan Central switchman, while at work in the yards in Detroit the other night during a storm, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.  
A proposed drain in Brady, Kalamazoo county, will reclaim 500,000 worth of land. The drain runs from Mud lake to Thrall and to Indian lake through sections 5, 17, 18 and 19.  
The Bay City, Pinconning & Gladwin railroad will be completed by Sept. 1. There is a force of 325 men now working upon the line. The Tittabawassee bridge is finished and the clearing along the entire line is nearly done.  
John Stevens of Buffalo, offered to defray all the expenses of a reunion of the survivors of the little band of soldiers who were saved from the Sultan's wreck, provided the meeting was held at Hillsdale, and Hillsdale it will be.  
During the recent forest fires 20,000,000 feet of standing pine in Alcona county, belonging to Alger, Smith & Co., was burned over. A large force of men will at once be put on and the whole tract lumbered before the worms get working in it.  
Land around Inlay City is held at figures that would paralyze one of those booming western towns. A gravel pit of two and a half acres was sold to that village the other day for \$200, while a Detroit

## THE NATION.

The Union labor party has been organized in Kentucky.  
There is an increase of 47,633 in the wheat area of Manitoba.  
A new gas well has been struck within 13 miles of Toledo.  
The Illinois legislature adjourned sine die on the 16th inst.  
Benj. F. Potts, governor of Montana from 1870 to 1883, is dead.  
The Hon. James G. Blaine arrived in Southampton on the 17th inst.  
Boston striking brewers have issued a boycott against their late employers.  
Rumor has it that Secretary Lamar is to be appointed to the supreme bench.  
The village of Washburn, Ill., was completely wiped out by fire on the 17th inst.  
A monument to President Arthur is to be erected in Madison Square, New York city.  
An order has been issued removing 10,000 on grain passing through the Welland canal.  
Ex-president Mark Hopkins of Williams College died in North Adams, Mass., on the 17th inst.  
Advices received from Halifax state that American vessels are fishing freely in Canadian waters.  
The Pan Handle train men who were arrested some time ago for robbing freight cars, are being reinstated.  
St. Louis has resolved to strictly enforce the Sunday law. Saloons, theatres and baseball parks must close.  
Samuel Meyers, superintendent of the Miami (Ind.) county asylum, is under arrest on a charge of cruelty.  
John G. Carlisle in an interview in Cincinnati the other day, declared in favor of an extra session of congress.  
Five men were fatally injured by an explosion in the shaft of the coal mine at Pittsburgh Junction the other day.  
Mrs. A. Gasebrook of Louisville, Ky., fell from her bedroom window the other morning and was instantly killed.  
Mr. Michael, a Nebraska man, will succeed the late Benj. Perley Moore as clerk of the senate committee on printing.  
Mr. Kimball and James Baird of Eldorado, Ark., quarreled, whereupon Baird shot and fatally wounded Kimball.  
Ohio soldiers protested against President Cleveland's order for the return of the rebel flags captured during the war.  
The National Education association meets in Chicago on the 12th of July. Reduced railroad rates have been secured.  
William E. Chandler has been elected United States senator from New Hampshire for the unexpired term ending March 4, 1888.  
John Russell Young, ex-United States Minister to China, has been elected president of the anti-poverty society of Philadelphia.  
A northbound train was blown from the track near Grand Forks, Dakota, the other day, and four persons were killed and six seriously injured.  
St. Mary's Episcopal church in Boston was damaged by fire to the amount of \$100,000 the other morning. The fire was of incendiary origin.  
Owing to a break in the "wheat corner" in Chicago, a dozen Chicago houses have "gone under," the failures footing up several million dollars.  
The New York World balloon which left St. Louis, Mo., for New York on the afternoon of the 17th came down at Centralia, Ill., a few hours later.  
A call has been issued for a constitutional convention to be held at Salt Lake City, June 30, for the purpose of applying for admission into the union.  
At Mansel, 12 miles north of Grand Forks, D. T., Mrs. Bokken, a Norwegian, and her two children, lost their lives by the burning of their home.  
A raid was made on the gambling dens in Atlanta, Ga., the other day, and a few hours later six wagon loads of gamblers' tools were burned in the streets.  
Summerville, S. C., was shaken by an earthquake on the 30th inst. The most prolonged roaring heard since the shocks of last year, accompanied the shock.  
At Franklin, D. T., James Reed and G. Wilson tried to settle an old dispute. Reed was shot through the abdomen and died a short time after; Wilson was arrested.  
Five men were killed and many injured by the explosion of a dynamite cart-ridge at the human mines, four miles from Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 14th inst.  
The Indian training school at Carlisle, Pa., sent 71 pupils west a few days ago, all of whom have completed the course of study. They were nearly all of the Sioux tribe.  
A statue of Nathan Hale, the "martyr spy" of the revolution, was unveiled at Hartford, Conn., a few days ago. Charles Dudley Warner was the orator of the occasion.  
The Illinois legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$2,500 to Mrs. Emily Blackburn of Chicago, whose son died from exposure resulting from exposure at the military service.  
Dow Mister, a well known young man of Crisfield, Md., shot and instantly killed Elijah Sterling, his most intimate friend, mistaking him for a rival in the affection of a village belle.  
Fire-crackers in the hands of children set fire to a house at Corona, L. I., the other day. Six persons were severely burned in the attempt to get out. The house was destroyed.  
Col. James E. Morrison of Brooklyn, N. Y., chief state civil service examiner, was stricken with apoplexy while conducting an examination for canal collectors and clerks, and died the next day.  
Mrs. Margaret E. Parker of Dundee, Scotland, founder of the British Woman's Temperance association, proposes to bring 1,000 English women to the country to be domestic servants in California.  
The Rev. Roswell Dwight Hitchcock, D. D., LL. D., president of the Union Theological seminary of New York city and a distinguished theologian and scholar, died at Somerset, Mass., a few days ago.  
Guy Webber of Cincinnati, acting for eastern capitalists, has concluded the purchase of 2,000,000 acres in Sonora, Mexico. The purchase was made from different parties, and the purpose is to establish an American colony.  
By a fall of rock in Mill Creek colliery, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Peter Cimmer and Simon Charnesky were killed and Michael Fisher and John Pradosky were severely injured, the former so badly that recovery is impossible.

The Dominion government has notified Premier Norquay of Manitoba that they will fight the proposed railway extension to the American boundary to the bitter end. This will be done in the interest of the Canadian Pacific.  
The Masonic grand lodge of Dakota has passed a resolution that no person engaged in the saloon business shall be entitled to membership in any subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction. This has also been done in Missouri.  
The Penokee and Gogebic development company has been consolidated with the Ashland mining company, in Wisconsin, under the name of the Consolidated Colby Mines, thus making the strongest iron mining company, perhaps in the world.  
The will of the late William A. Wheeler gives \$25,000 to home missions, \$5,000 to foreign missions, \$500 to his housekeeper, Betsey Chambers, and a few bequests are made to various friends. It is rumored that interested parties intend to contest the will.  
At San Antonio, Texas, the other day, the mayor, chief of police, an ex-alderman, the cashier of the San Antonio national bank, and four other prominent citizens, were arrested on a United States warrant, charged with breaking up a prohibitionists meeting.  
Reports from seven counties in Florida state that an epidemic of rabies among dogs and cattle prevails there. Several persons, it is said, have been bitten by the rabid dogs. Much excitement prevails and dog and cattle killing parties are organizing.  
Several shocks of earthquake occurred in Vernome, Turkistan, on the 10th inst. The town was almost entirely destroyed, and 125 persons killed and a number injured. The inhabitants of the town became panic-stricken and fled to the open country for safety.  
The stables of the Lafayette brewing company in St. Louis, were burned the other day, and 12 valuable horses perished. The same day the stables of the Mount City street car company in the same city were burned, and 300 mules were burned to a crisp.  
A young man named William Mahoney jumped from the Cincinnati suspension bridge the other night to satisfy himself and a few friends that the feat could be safely accomplished. He was not seriously hurt, but complained of a pain in his back and was taken to the hospital.  
The Rev. George Pittard, pastor of the North Fork Methodist church in Reidsville, S. C., and teacher in a boys' school during the week, was accidentally hit by a ball from the hand of one of his pupils, which so enraged him that he knocked the boy down and stamped him to death. He has since died.  
The inter-state commerce commission has decided that railroads must judge for themselves when to comply with the long and short haul clause of the inter-state commerce law. If the circumstances and conditions warrant discrimination, all well and good; if not, then the roads must suffer.  
Rumors are rife at Kansas City of the disappearance of Walter S. Condon, grand secretary and treasurer of the switchman's mutual association, and of the cause thereof. His wife has not heard from him in three weeks, and admits that he has lost a considerable amount in gambling. His delinquencies may reach \$25,000.  
The east-bound California express on the Southern Pacific railroad was robbed at 3 o'clock the other morning by a band of robbers near Flatonia, Fayette county, Texas, about 95 miles east of San Antonio and 120 miles west of Houston. The express car was robbed. Nobody was killed. It is rumored that the robbers secured \$75,000.  
A statue of Nathan Hale, made by the authority of the state of Connecticut, has been placed in the capitol. It is the work of Carl Gerhardt of Hartford, and is a bronze figure of heroic size. Hale is represented with the arms partly outstretched and in an attitude suggesting his famous words of regret that he had but one life to give for his country.  
Surrogate Billings of New York has rendered a decision sustaining the will of the late Jesse Hoyt, who left several millions of dollars. It was appealed from by Miss Mary Irene Hoyt, to whom had been bequeathed the income of \$125,000. Paul E. Butler argued the appeal for Miss Hoyt and Edwin Root and Joseph H. Choate represented the proponent.  
There is much excitement over the recent discoveries of iron ore in Buffalo county, Wis. Every shaft sunk shows rich deposits and four companies have been organized. The first one, the Buffalo county mining, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The iron range lies four miles east of the Burlington track among the bluff towns. The ore is of fine quality and is declared by geologists to be an original deposit.  
Mrs. George C. Haddock, widow of the Methodist minister who was murdered at Sioux City, Iowa, over a year ago, has determined to take up her permanent abode in the place where her husband met his fate. She takes the failure to convict the alleged murderer very much to heart, and it is thought that her determination to return to Sioux City is due to a resolve to personally leave nothing undone to bring the perpetrators of the crime to justice.  
John C. Pickett, the son of Nathan Pickett, a prominent member of the society of Friends and president of the Howard national bank of Kokomo, Ind., has been arrested, charged with hiring the Malesh brothers to burn the Dixon block last January, causing a loss of \$30,000. The Malesh brothers, William and Joseph, now in jail, say that Pickett, who had a \$10,000 insurance on an \$8,000 stock of goods, gave them \$50 to fire the building. Pickett has a wife and daughter and lives in an elegant residence.  
Mrs. Alexander Mitchell, widow of the deceased millionaire of Milwaukee, has decided not to contest the will of her late husband. She filed a document acknowledging having received the legacy bequeathed by her husband in lieu of dower. She declined, however, to serve as executrix and her son was appointed sole executor. Mrs. Mitchell thus receives \$300,000 in cash and \$50,000 annually during life. Her dower right was one-third of the estate, the estimated value of which is between \$150,000 and \$200,000.  
The Chicago Times presents reports of crop conditions collected from over 1,000 points in the northwest. Although wheat has been damaged by the prolonged

## FOREIGN.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt in Smyrna the other day.  
A famine is now prevailing on the Chila plain in Asia minor.  
A plot to blow up the queen on jubilee day has been unearthed.  
Queen Victoria is greatly alarmed by the reports of alleged dynamite plots.  
The police of Berlin prohibit the circulation of the Chicago Workmen's Gazette.  
The Russian railway toward India is completed to a point twenty miles south of Chardjui.  
It is officially announced that Emperor William is making remarkable progress toward recovery.  
Fire destroyed the entire town of Botuschan, Rumania, on the 17th inst. A number of persons were killed.  
An amendment to repeal the Canadian local option law was voted down in the Canadian house of commons.  
Queen Victoria, in commemoration of her jubilee, will grant amnesty to all military and naval prisoners convicted of minor offenses.  
The Countess Campos, the divorced wife of the Duc de la Lora, son of the late Marshal Serrano of Spain, was kidnapped while walking with an attendant in Paris. Bismarck's condition has become worse. He is afflicted with rheumatic pains, which prevent sleep. His doctors advise rest and change of climate. His illness, however, prevents traveling at present.  
Barthold has completed on the grounds of the American exhibition at London a diorama of the port of New York, representing in miniature a duplicate of the statue of Liberty Enlightening the World.  
The German Crown Prince is suffering from an incurable malady and his life is in imminent danger. The court physician says the removal of the larynx is the only thing that can save the life of the Crown Prince.  
Of a party of pilgrims who, while crossing the Danube in Paks, were thrown into the water by the capsizing of the boat, 127 were rescued and 87 are still missing and the bodies of 161 who were drowned have been recovered.  
The Russian government has made overtures for joint opposition to the Anglo-Turkish convention on the ground that it interferes with the common right of the powers' control of Egypt and the Suez canal. Bismarck remains neutral.  
The Tory program as to the coercion bill in the house of commons has been faithful, carried out. The debate closed on the 17th and the remaining clause adopted. Not a single Parliedite voted, and the Unionists voted solidly with the government.  
At the sale of Lord Crawford's library in London a magazine, otherwise Gutenberg, the earliest book printed with moveable metal types, in the original oak boards, was put up at £50 and sold for £265. Tyndale's Pentateuch, in black letter, brought £225, and Tyndale's new testament, in black letter, £230.  
The Prince of Wales, his family and a score of members of foreign royal families attended a private exhibition of the Wild West show in London the other morning. They all rode in the Deadwood coach, the Princess of Wales sitting on the box, Col. Cody driving. Grand Duke Michael of Russia and Prince George of Wales rode horses belonging to the company and made some good shots at break-neck speed.  
The joint jubilee gift to the Queen from all her children and grand children is a gold and silver center piece for a table, adorned with precious stones. It was executed in Berlin. It comprises three parts resting on a common base, in the center of which are the British arms bearing the legend "Her children and grand-children to our beloved mother and grandmother." The middle portion consists of a vase adorned with the arms and portraits of the donors. It has a solid gold lid surmounted by the royal crown. To the right and left respectively are a lion and a unicorn.  
A Smuggler Arrested.  
George Connor was arrested in San Francisco the other day on a charge of opium smuggling. He made a desperate fight to escape, but was held and turned over to the custody of the United States marshal, not being able to give bail. His trunk was broken open and, as was expected, had nothing in them but opium. There were 386 boxes worth something over \$3,000.  
An important discovery was reported in the prisoner's pocket book. It was filled with papers carefully folded and closely written with Chinese characters. The supposition is that they are instructions sent by a Hong Kong syndicate through Canada to San Francisco. The custom house interpreter will at once translate them for the information of the collector.  
The government detectives claim that the man arrested is one of the chief agents of the great opium ring which has been smuggling opium to Canada and by way of Detroit to San Francisco.

### The Captured Flags.

President Cleveland has issued an order revoking the decision of the war department to return to the southern states the confederate battle flags captured during the war, and which have been stored in the war department building. The order for the restoration of the flags called forth loud and bitter condemnation from all sections of the country, old soldiers of whatever political persuasion regarding it as an outrage upon, and an insult to the brave soldiers who won these trophies and placed them for safe keeping in the nation's archives. In explanation, it is said that the proposition to restore the flags originated in the war department and was founded upon a desire to promote good feeling.  
The Germans are training dogs to do out-post duty in the army and to perform all sorts of military services. In addition to the canine contingent the Prussians are mobilizing a lot of hawks for the capture of the French carrier pigeons.  
The latest excavations at the Acropolis of Athens have brought to light a bronze statue of Minerva Promachus, about a foot in length. It is said to be one of the most remarkable examples of Greek art of the period just prior to the Persian war.  
Edward Everett Hale recently told the students of Cornell university that the best opportunity for studying human nature was in the occupation of a school-master.  
Wapwallopen is the sweet, idyllic name of a Pennsylvania village.

An Abolitionist Gone.  
The Hon. James N. Buffum, one of the last of the band of abolitionists led by Garrison and Phillips died in Lynn, Mass., on the 14th inst., aged 80 years.  
The anti-slavery cause early enlisted Mr. Buffum's sympathy and active co-operation. He made the acquaintance of William Lloyd Garrison in 1831, whose lifelong friendship and esteem he retained. The Liberator dates its existence from that year, and Mr. Buffum was a subscriber and constant reader during its continuance of thirty years. When Fred Douglass was dragged out of a car on the eastern railroad because of his color, Mr. Buffum heroically fought the mob. He and Douglass went to England in 1845 to protect against the free church of Scotland keeping the money contributed to it by the slaveholders of America. The two champions co-operated with Henry C. Wright and George Thompson, and held anti-slavery meetings in Scotland. During that memorable trip Mr. Buffum made friends with Golden and Bright, O'Connell, Father Matthew, Richard D. Webb, Edmund Quincy and James Haughton.  
Petrified lobsters, crabs, turtles, and the like are found in great abundance in the Santa Catalina mountains in Arizona, at a height of nearly ten thousand feet above the level of the sea.  
A Georgia paper says: "Girls are wanted for the Little Springs, Georgia, Threshing young men obtained licenses to marry the same girl last week, and the third succeeded in capturing the girl."